



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 577

LCO No. 2596

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:
SEN. COOK, 18th Dist.

***AN ACT REVISING DEFINITIONS REGARDING VETERANS AND
CREATING A REPORT ON VETERANS' BENEFITS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes be
2 amended to add reserves, including the state National Guard, to the
3 definition of "armed forces"; require that the ninety-day service in the
4 definition of "service in time of war" be ninety consecutive days, and
5 make technical revisions to the definitions to conform the section to the
6 United States Code; and that title 27 of the general statutes be
7 amended to require an annual report to the Commissioner of Veterans'
8 Affairs by each state agency and municipality that provides benefits to
9 veterans, which the commissioner shall compile into a consolidated
10 annual report for submission to the Military Department and the
11 appropriate committee of the General Assembly, describing the
12 benefit, the value of the benefit, and the number of veterans receiving
13 the benefit.

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the definition of "armed forces" to include the Connecticut National Guard and reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Air Force; to amend definitions for conformity with the United States Code and to require the collection and compilation of data regarding state benefits provided to veterans, which data is valuable to the Military Department for purposes of recruiting and retention of military personnel.